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TULSA CHARGES MUSKOGEE WITH UNSPORTSMANSHIP

Muskogee Game Interestingly Told by Tulsa Teacher

Poor sportsmanship on the part of the faculty and players of the Manual Training High School, Muskogee, kept the Tulsa "Tigers," Washington High's basketball team from gaining a well earned victory over the Muskogee team in their city last Friday night. The game, a remarkable one, was played to a tie score by all the rules of the game. An error on the referee's part was responsible for great discussion in which it was claimed that a foul goal, allowed before the expiration of the game should be thrown over because the timekeeper's whistle blew while the throwing of the goal was in progress. To have attempted to throw the goal again would have been the same as admitting that we had not tied the score when the goal was thrown previously, appoint we were not willing to concede.

The game started with a rush. Each team had met defeat once and was bent on capturing the odd victory. Muskogee led from the first whistle, and foiled all attempts of our boys to score, while they ran their total up to 14 in the first half. This would have taken the pep and confidence out of most teams but the "Tigers" are made of sterner stuff. The blanking in the first half stimulated them to greater efforts and they came back a different team. With dashing attack and perfect gun-dash, they punctured Muskogee's defense for 13 points, while holding them scoreless before "the smoke cleared away" and then, with 30 seconds to play the referee called a foul against Muskogee. The ball was handed to Tolbert who took his position on the foul line to try for the goal. As he poised for the throw the time-keeper called "Time up." The ball was thrown, the goal was made, the score was tied. Everybody in the hall saw this with the exception of the referee, who was looking at the score board. According to the rules, if a foul is called before the end of the game, the try for goal shall be attempted even though time has to be extended. In case of a tie game an additional period of five minutes shall be allowed to play off the tie. The referee contended that as he did not see the goal thrown, it would have to be thrown over. Of course, he was upheld in this view by the Muskogee contingent to the extent that they even refused to say whether they saw the goal thrown or not. While they contended for the goal to be thrown over, we insisted on five minutes more in which to play off the tie. Muskogee's twenty minutes of scoreless made the outlook for another five minutes rather gloomy, so rather than prove their mettle and scrap it out to the end, they chose to play the cowardly part of hiding behind a gross error on the part of the referee and calling the game a win in their favor. We have tried to get another game with them but they are "through for the season."

Head of State School Visits Tulsa.

Prof. J. R. Johnson, president Blind and Deaf School for Negroes, spent a part of Wednesday last in Tulsa, and while here called at Tulsa Star office. Prof. Johnson was enroute to Oklahoma City, to consult his business partner, Mr. T. H. Traylor. These two own probably the most costly property of similar character controlled by Race Men in Oklahoma. Prof. Johnson reports everything at the State Institution in fine shape, and prospects fine for the cropping season. Quite a number of improvements have been

made, making the campus and surroundings very pleasing to the eye. During recent democratic convention, quite a number of State officers, including Governor Robertson, spent an enjoyable afternoon at the Blind School.

Mr. M. G. Mathis, of Boley, Okla., who has been selling pecans on Archer street, for past three weeks, says he has sold over 2000 pounds, and hence he is feeling fine and highly pleased with Tulsa and its people. Mr. Mathis gave the Star office a large order for printing and also expresses his views of Tulsa as a good old town for good people to live in elsewhere in our columns.

Mr. Will Ragsdale of Muskogee, former of the Ragsdale Undertaking business in that city, and now a successful dealer in groceries, was in Tulsa Tuesday and while here was seen much in company of Mr. J. L. Harker who will shortly open up an undertaking establishment on North Greenwood. Mr. Ragsdale is always a welcome visitor here.

The Jackson Undertaking Co., has not been as busy during the past week as they were during the preceding weeks of February. One case passing through their hands was that of Mr. John Logan, a colored miner, who died at Hickory, and whose body was shipped to Youngstown, Ohio, for burial. It might be said here that there are other Logans buried at Youngstown, among them being the son of the late civil war fighter, General John A. Logan, candidate for vice president on Blaine and Logan ticket. The general's son was married to a daughter of one of Youngstown's wealthiest steel magnates. His magnificent tomb and coffin draped with American flags and military insignia is one of the show places of that town, and now our John Logan, late of Hickory, will most likely be buried in same cemetery not far distant from his more distinguished namesake. In Youngstown both races use one graveyard, as their lives are spent in peace and harmony and hence they have no fear that as ghosts they will rise and stage a post-mortem race conflict.

NOTED PECAN GATHERER PAYS TULSA COMPLIMENT

Mr. M. G. Mathis of Boley, Okla., Likely Has Gathered More Pecans Than Anyone in America

It is my desire to challenge any man of my nationality for the world's record of pecan gathering. I have sold more than two thousand pounds of pecans in Tulsa during the past three weeks, and from my experience in grading pecans, I will in years to come be able to supply the people with a better grade of pecans than any man of less experience.

And judging from my experience of Tulsa during the past three weeks Tulsa does not deserve the credit of being a bad place for a good person to live. It should readily be a known fact to every clear thinker that everyone's life has had places in it, so has every town. But one should learn to never judge the best of anything by the worst of it. I feel safe in saying that according to the colored population of Tulsa the law is violated less than in any town in the State.

Don't stand back and judge Tulsa from the other fellow's off hand statements, get out among the colored people of Tulsa and learn for yourself their true merits, and then I feel sure you will freely join me in saying that Tulsa is a good place for good people to live.

M. G. Mathis, Boley, Okla.

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PERSHING THANKS NEGRO WOOD CARVER

Mr. Taylor Carves and Presents Bus-Relief of General to Him.

(Star News Service.)

TULSA, Mar. 5.—While our Colored citizens took no prominent part in the program prepared for the reception of General John J. Pershing during his visit here in February, this was not due to any lack of interest in the General, nor any lack of admiration for him. Our people just like others elsewhere have a keen relish in remembering that when the question of sending Colored troops to France came up, early during the recent great world's war, General Pershing illustrated his proposition by calling for more Colored soldiers.

One incident of the Pershing reception, not on the program, was the unexpected presentation to the General at Convention Hall, of a very expertly carved and painted bus-relief wood carving portrait of himself. The presentation was made by Mr. H. G. B. Taylor, a well known Negro citizen of Tulsa. Mr. Taylor is likely one of the most skillful carvers and whittlers with an ordinary jack-knife in America and in

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his collection he has many that provoke amazement as well as admiration. Some time ago, Mr. Taylor conceived the idea of carving a portrait of General Pershing, and after obtaining a good picture, he set to work. The bus-relief was cut, carved and whittled out of a block of two inch plank, and when completed was given a number of coats of paint in appropriate colors reproducing colors of skin and of the U. S. Military uniform in closest detail.

On the day General Pershing came to Tulsa, Mr. Taylor called at Tulsa Star office exhibiting his wonderful handiwork. It was suggested that he go and present it to General Pershing. This advice was taken by the Negro carver, and in the midst of the enthusiastic reception accorded the General at Convention Hall, by thousands of Tulsans, Mr. Taylor stepped forward and gave his work to the General. He was the recipient recently of the following letter written to him at Memphis, Tenn., by the General, and naturally Mr. Taylor is the happiest, and

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Dear Mr. Taylor:—Thank you very much for the wood carving of myself which you made and presented me during my visit in Tulsa. I appreciate the sentiment which prompted you to make this carving, and present it to me.

I wish you every good fortune and success,

Sincerely yours
John J. Pershing

The Rev. J. S. Thomas from South Florida is a newly arrived evangelist is extending a cordial invitation to come out and hear him in his assaults on Sin at the Progressive Baptist Church, corner of Vernon and N. Greenwood.

Services at all the Tulsa churches last Sunday were well attended and the collections were unusually gratifying. The Revs. Whittaker, Bryant, Tucker, Abernathy, Whittington and Johnson have prepared excellent sermons for tomorrow's services and are expecting better attendance during spring and summer months.

It is like having a bird in hand when you telephone your order a week ahead to the Bell and Little Cafe. Otherwise the rush there at all hours will delay you not a little.

"Bad" White Man

A very unusual and exciting scene was enacted on the corner of Archer and Cincinnati streets, late Sunday night, the principals being two colored women and a white man, the latter being a street car conductor named Lam, who has been conspicuously in the lime light recently because of his mania for getting drunk and flashing his gun.

According to reports Lam met the women on East Archer and accosted them in an ungentlemanly manner and when they resented it, pulled his gun and threatened to shoot them. The women went their way but returned and followed him till he entered the Thompson Drug Store. Here they stationed themselves one on each side of the front entrance and when the "bad gun man" came out they pluckily "took him in." One of the women took his gun and brought it in sudden contact with his head and sponaneously Mr. Lam kissed mother Earth. When he arose he was again greeted with the same ceremony, and after a few outcries for mercy he beat a hasty retreat leaving his gun in charge of the women. He was later arrested by police.

As near as could be learned about the identity of the women, one is named Tressie and the other is known as "Black Ida."

Lam has recently made several gun plays and has figured in the police records.

He held a deputy sheriff's commission but after his Sunday night's episode, Sheriff Wooley took his commission.

On account of Prohibition the Tailors are doing away with hip pockets in men's suits but are still making watch pockets, we have the watches at \$1 per week.

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Business is always brisk at Tom Gentry's pool hall on North Greenwood. Mrs. Ida Crouch of 518 Easton street lost all of her chickens last week—a chicken thief visited her.

Health Commissioner Visits Tulsa Colored Hotels

Posts Warning Notices against Drinking Cups and Roller Towels

Have you met Dr. A. R. Lewis? Well, if not, he has been here and his card can be found tucked up in hundreds of places around Tulsa.

Dr. Lewis is Health Commissioner for the State of Oklahoma, and has been giving Tulsa a close inspection pursuant to the modern scientific method of handling diseases of the human family. This modern method aims to prevent and render disease impossible as far as can be attained by educating the people. The old fog ideas of our fathers and grand fathers concerning handling of disease have been thrown aside, and now through health boards and health officers, people are instructed how to avoid doctor and undertaker bills. This trip Dr. Lewis has posted notices in colored hotels and restaurants prohibiting use of public glasses at drinking fountains and of roller towels. This is indeed a very proper and needed warning and any reasonably witted person will readily see the wisdom of obeying Dr. Lewis' order.

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